New York, by Orelia E. Merchant, Assistant United States Attorney, respectfully states the following facts upon information and belief:

- 1. The above-captioned actions were **comm**enced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings. See Summons and Verified Complaints, annexed hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. The United States Postal Service ("USPS"), has been named as a defendant in this action. The Complaint asserts a tort action alleging personal injuries as a result of a slip and fall on an USPS-owned property.
- 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1442(a)(1) and 2679(d), these actions may be removed to this Court.
- 4. The United States of America is substituted as the party defendant for third party defendant United States Postal Service pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2679.
- 5. The United States Attorney's Office has not yet been served with the summons and complaint in this action.
- 6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2409, the United States may remove these actions without a bond.

WHEREFORE, it is respectfully requested that the above-captioned actions pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, be removed to this Court; and

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), the **fil**ing of a copy of this notice with the Clerk of the Court, Supreme Court of the City of New York, County of Kings, shall effect the removal, and the state court shall proceed no further with respect to these actions, unless and until the case is remanded thereto.

Dated:

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Respectfully submitted,

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